

# Currents

Physical Therapy + Wellness

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## HIPAA Information and Consent Form

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides safeguards to protect your privacy. Implementation of HIPAA requirements officially began on April 14, 2003.

What this is all about: Specifically, there are rules and restrictions on who may see or be notified of your Protected Health Information. These restrictions do not include the normal interchange of information necessary to provide you with office services. HIPAA provides certain rights and protections to you as the patient. We balance these needs with our goal of providing you with quality professional service and care. Additional information is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

We have adopted the following policies:

1. Patient information will be kept confidential except as is necessary to provide services or to ensure that all administrative matters related to your care are handled appropriately. This specifically includes the sharing of information with other healthcare providers, laboratories, health insurance payers as is necessary and appropriate for your care. Patient files may be stored in open files may be stored in open file racks and will not contain any coding which identifies patient's condition or information which is not already a matter of public record. Those records will not be available to persons other than office staff. You agree to the normal procedures utilized within the office for the handling of charts. Patient records, PHI and other documents or information.
2. It is the policy of this office to remind patients of their appointments. We may do this by telephone, email, U.S. mail or by any means convenient for the practice and/ or as requested by you. We may send you other communications informing you of changes to office policy and new technology that you might find valuable or informative.
3. You agree to bring any concerns or complaints regarding privacy to the attention of the office manager or the doctor.
4. Your confidential information will not be used for the purposes of marketing or advertising of products, goods, or services. (ADD IN without your consent)?
5. We agree to provide patients with access to their records in accordance with the state and federal laws.
6. We may change, add, delete, or modify any of these provisions to better serve the needs of the both the practice and the patient.
7. You have the right to request restrictions in the use of your protected health information and to request change in certain policies used within the office concerning your PHI. However, we are not obligated to alter internal policies to conform to your request.
8. You allow sharing of photos for social media while maintaining the privacy of your personal health information.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby consent and acknowledge my agreement to the terms set forth in the HIPAA INFORMATION FORM and any subsequent changes in office policy. I understand that this consent shall remain in force from this time forward.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_